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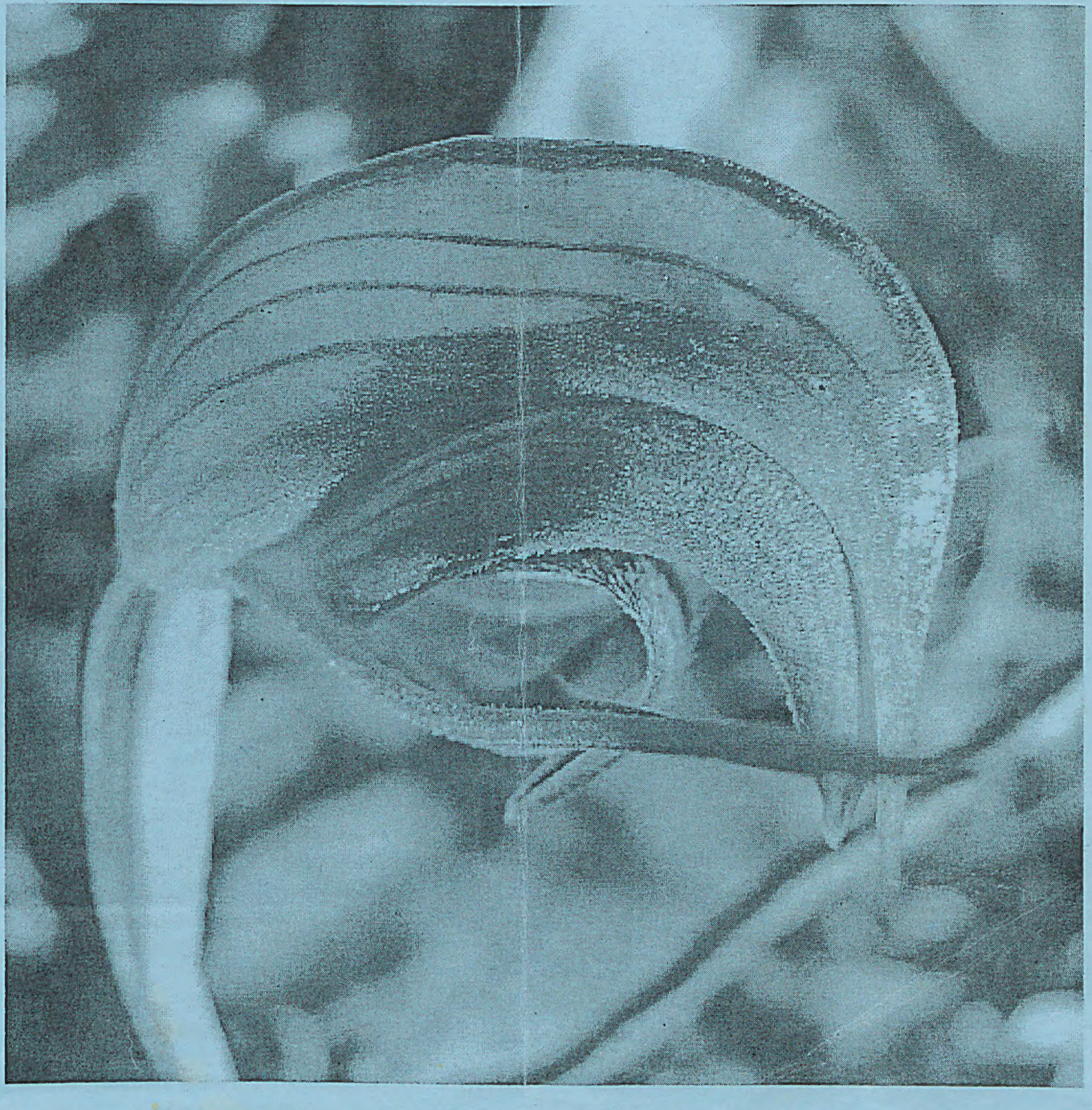

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BENDIGO FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

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Membership of the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club is open to all those interested in Natural History. The subscription rates are: Single $34; Family $40; Concession: Single $28.50; Family $34. *Whirrakee* subscription only is $34.

General meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The venue for General meetings is the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building, Old High Street, Golden Square. The invited speaker at general meetings starts at 8:00pm and meetings conclude with supper.
If a workshop is held prior to the meeting, it will be advertised and it usually starts at 7.00pm.
The Annual Meeting is held in September.

Committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Members of the Committee are the Office Bearer listed above and the following members: Rob Moors, Maurie Lewis, Glenise Moors, Rod Orr, Bob Ruddick, and there are 3 vacancies.

Excursions Excursions are conducted irregularly and are advertised on the diary page of the *Whirrakee*. The assembly point for excursions is the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building, unless otherwise specified. In addition to local excursions, campouts are held several times each year, usually coinciding with long weekends or holiday periods.

The Bendigo Field Naturalists Club has one active group that meets regularly (the Fauna Study Group) and other groups that meet at irregular intervals.

Fauna Study Group: meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building.

Chairman: John Burtonclay, Fadersons Lane, Mandurang (5439 5710)
Secretary: Bill Holsworth, 13 Nabilla Crs., Bendigo (5443 4063)
Equipment Officer: Maurie Lewis (0407 427179)

Bird Observers Group: This group has field excursions and the occasional lecture evening. Please consult the *Whirrakee* for details. Special bird observations should be reported to Anne Bridley 5449 3479.
To propose meetings or excursions please contact Kerrie Norris 5447 8017.

Front Cover Photographer: Liz Martin

This year you had to look pretty hard to find many of the small orchids. This beautiful specimen of *Pterostylis nutans*, the Nodding Greenhood, was growing at Mandurang at the end of August.

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Whirrakee takes its name from the Whirrakee Wattle (*Acacia williamsonii*) which is virtually endemic to the Bendigo region

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Authors are responsible for the accuracy of the information they use and also for any opinions expressed in their articles.
Contributions will be included as soon as possible after they are received; although articles received more than one week after the monthly General Meeting will probably be too late for inclusion in the next issue of *Whirrakee*.
Articles in *Whirrakee* may be reproduced, but permission should be obtained from the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club, and acknowledgment should be given to the author and the Club. Some back issues are still available on request.

Editor's note
Welcome back to a new year of the BFNC. The new office bearers and committee members look remarkably similar to the old ones so an extra thank you for those people who have agreed to continue on in their jobs. If you haven't paid your membership fees, the BFNC year starts now and now is the time to pay. Enclosed in this edition are the President's report, the minutes of the AGM, and the Treasurer's report which has left very little room for anything else. We do have to publish these reports in the magazine. For some people it may not be riveting reading but for some people it is.
The fauna group seems to be doing interesting things for the next two meetings...see back page for details. Hopefully you'll all be able to come to the next general meeting to hear about the hidden mysteries of the Kamarooka.
I was very pleased to have got a response to the katydid question. Here is what Margaret Watts wrote: "You asked what a katydid is in the September *Whirrakee*. According to Fred's much loved and well thumbed Macquarie Dictionary, this is the meaning: "Any of the large, usually green, long-horned grasshopper of the family Tetrigoniidae and known for the loud note of the males of some species (followed by the imitation of the sound)".
I also really did want to know about the pollinators of scented sundews (see inside front cover of last edition). Somebody must know something about this!

Mysteries of the Kamarooka - Preview

by Phil Dyson

The story that I am keen to present focuses on the Kamarooka region comprising somewhat dissected remnants of ancient deeply weathered (decayed) landform/s. In some parts such remnants are almost complete, whilst in others they have been removed through natural erosion operating over millennia. The presence or absence of such landforms strongly influence the nature of the regions soils and vegetation, and the amount of salt stored within the landscape (although salinity will be a key part of the talk the presentation it will not be exclusively about salinity).

I also want to build an appreciation of the water balance of the region both prior to and post agricultural development. I want to discuss how changes in the post development water balance have resulted in the development of dryland salinity along the interface between the bedrock uplands and the Riverine Plains.

I want to work my way through the Kamarooka story through reference to knowledge acquired from extensive research conducted throughout the region over the past 25 years, and through reference to national data sets used for comparative purposes.

So I guess it is about soils and landscapes and vegetation and groundwater and salt.

Ecological Fire Plan

Editor's note: We will have another short presentation at the October meeting by Kane Weeks, Fire Prevention Coordinator, DSE. This is what Kane wrote to Rod Orr by way of introducing his presentation:

Thank you for allowing me to present at your monthly field naturalists meeting on ecological fire management, a project that Parks Victoria is undertaking with support from the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

I have been employed with Parks Victoria for 8 years and have worked in Grampians National Park, Barmah State Park, and Lake Eildon National Park. I have also undertaken a staff exchange with Parks Canada, at Elk Island National Park, Alberta, Canada. I am currently positioned at Bendigo.

Developing an ecological fire management plan for northern Bendigo is vital to ensure there is proper representation of age classes of vegetation that are able to provide suitable habitat for a diversity of flora and fauna species.

The success of the plan is dependent on accurate on ground information, particularly the location of threatened flora, fauna and sites of particular significance. Parks Victoria would like to work in unison with the Field Naturalists to ensure that proposed ecological burns are not affecting already significant areas.

I would like to attend a meeting on the 13th of October 2004, to discuss the development of the ecological fire plan and opportunities for the Field Naturalists to be involved in the process.

If you any further questions you can contact me on 54304653

Regards Kane Weeks
Park Ranger
Northern Goldfields.

Frog Pond Habitat Restoration Project
(Update)

by Kerrie Norris

Fourteen hardy characters turned out on 14th August, a day the mercury didn't reach double figures and cheerfully puddled in the rain and mud until about 450 tube stock were planted. A special thankyou is extended to Anthony Sheehan who provided his expertise and problem solving skills to ensure such a successful outcome for the morning. A few aquatic plants have been kept aside until conditions are more favourable with the warm weather.

At time of writing (12th Sept), the majority of plants have survived both a rise and fall in the pond water level. The guards on the plants around the edge and in stream bed have endured high winds and minor human and or animal interest. Some of the aquatic plants, such as nardoo and tall spiderush, can still be identified whether the water level is up or down a bit. You need to look amongst the logs and branches used to protect against marauding ducks to find them.

City of Greater Bendigo Parks staff have been extremely helpful in assisting with this project. They ensured that the heavy work was completed without a hitch with the emplacement of two rocky islands and a substantial tree trunk into the pond. These obstacles are already proving popular with the birdlife and are expected to provide some frog species increased protection from predators, especially when the water level drops in summer. Several species of frogs can presently be heard calling to locate mates.

Plant List (numbers approx.)

100	*Carex appressa*	sedge
82	*C. tereticaulis*	"
50	*C. fasicularis*	"
85	*Poa labillardieri*	tussock grass
6	*Acacia mearnsii*	black wattle
12	*Acacia.retinodes*	wirilda
24	*Amphibronus nervosus*	sedge
18	*Callistemon sieberi*	alpine bottlebrush
24	*Crassula helmsii*	swamp crassula/stonecrop
12	*Myriophyllum crispatam*	sedge
12	*Eleocharis sphacelata*	tall spiderush
12	*Marsilea drummondii*	nardoo
12	*Triglochin procerum*	water ribbons
4-6 pots	*Typha ?*	cumbungi (to be planted)

President's Report

by Matthew Comer

Our club has, once again, had a successful and very active year. We are fortunate to have many members with a wide variety of expertise and skills. Within the club, there are the long-time members with great knowledge to share, but, of course still, a passion for learning about, enjoying and caring for the natural world. We also have newer members, eager to learn and to contribute new ideas, knowledge and energy....plus plenty of other members in between!

This mix of members as well as a variety of visitors attracted to the club's activities, makes ours a healthy club.

The links between the club and many other organisations, such as LaTrobe University, BRIT, local schools, groups such as Bushlinks and Environment Victoria, government departments such as Parks Victoria, DSE and the NCCMA and the City of Greater Bendigo are also very important in helping to maintain a vibrant and active club.

The social side of the club's activities is also very important. There are many opportunities at club activities for socialising and plenty of opportunities for an enjoyable cup of tea.

This year's general meeting syllabus, organised by Rod Orr, has, once again, provided us with a wide range of quality speakers and interesting topics. These have included:

- ups and downs of BFNC conservation campaigns (various members)
- Classification of threatened fauna in Victoria (Peter Menkhorst, Arthur Rylah Institute)
- Clean water, healthy rivers, strong communities (Paul Sinclair, Environment Victoria)
- Birds of Box-Ironbar Forest (Chris Tzaros, Bird Australia)
- members' slides/garden tour (Rob Watkins, Rod Orr, Matthew Comer)
- Natural History of Antarctica and Patagonia (Carol Hall)
- Essential habitat for bird populations (Jim Radford, Deakin University)
- Eucalypt hunting in Western Australia (Ern Perkins)
- Ecology and conservation of platypus in Victoria (Melody Serena)
- The Slaty Creek Project, Calder Highway (Rod Absom and Ruth Lawrence, LaTrobe University)
- Threatened plants of North Central Victoria (Deanne Marshall and colleagues)

Several club members have participated in both, our own excursions and camp-outs with other field naturalists.

These included:

- spring camp-out at Waanyarra
- excursion to glacial pavements at Eppalock
- hosted Geelong Field Naturalists excursion

to Central Victoria
- VFNCA camp-out at Portland (spring)
- SEANA (note name change) March camp-out at Timboon
- Australian Naturalist Network get-together
- Annual Christmas gathering at Jack Ipsen's, 'Lyal Glen'.

The 'Spring in the Bendigo Bush' program has also kept members of the club busy. Last year with a Wellsford Forest BBQ and Whipstick Forest walk. This year with the participation in the 'Spring in the Bendigo Bush' launch and preparation, with the native plant group, for the return of the wildflower show.
The two sub-groups of the club, the fauna group and the bird group have remained active this year. The fauna group has held regular meetings with a variety of topics and discussions. They have also carried out a project at Kangaroo Flat Botanic Gardens to enhance frog habitat. The bird group has held excursions such as to the Whipstick and Kamarooka Forests and participated in the Annual Regent Honeyeater/Swift Parrot survey.

The club continues to act as Committee of Management for the Golden Square Senior Citizens Centre. Maurie Lewis and Bill Holsworth have managed the hall well with many other regular hall users booked throughout the year and maintenance of the hall kept at a high standard. Members contributed at the annual hall clean-up.

Sabine Wilkens, as *Whirrakee* editor, has continued to provide the membership with an informative and interesting magazine, which, I am sure, is no small task. She has been supported by those members who have submitted many worthwhile articles and also those who meet regularly to fold and mail the *Whirrakee*.

Club members have also contributed to a number of different projects over the year such as the ongoing pink-tailed worm lizard project, assistance with the revision of the 'Bendigo Naturally' pamphlet, involvement with the launch of the City of Greater Bendigo 'Indigenous Plants of Bendigo' book and a contribution to a South Eastern Australian Field Naturalists Association (SEANA) calendar.

A major part of the activities of several members of the club is attending various meetings and producing submissions related to a range of local conservation issues. This year these have included:
- Bendigo Forest Management Plan, sawlog trials (meetings)
- invasive species, (Bill Holsworth, submission)
- securing our water future (submission)
- City of Greater Bendigo - open space strategy (meetings)
- Victorian draft vegetation conservation framework
- Environment Victoria (meeting of peak bodies)
- Subdivision at Neangar threatening old growth ironbarks (submissions and lobbying)
- Greater Bendigo National Park (meeting to formulate map of threatened species, drought refuges etc)
- Representation on Greater Bendigo National Park Community Consultative Committee
- Bendigo Mining expansion, environmental effects statement and VCAT hearing.
- Jackass Flat Flora Reserve (meetings and lobbying regarding fuel reduction burning)
- Possums in Rosalind Park) lobbying to protect welfare of Brush-tailed possum).

Let us hope that the club remains as active for the next 12 months. There are important conservation issues that will require our continued effort such as the City of Greater Bendigo residential development strategy and its implications for the future of privately owned bushland in the city. There is also still much to learn about our natural environment and many great things to see and experience in or local bush and to share with other members. There are also lots of possibilities for club activities for the coming year.

The popular series of workshops which have been run before the general meetings unfortunately lapsed this year but there is no reason why more cannot be run, if people volunteer to run them. Deanna Marshall, in her recent presentation to the club, invited the club to take part in the Botanic Guardian Scheme to help threatened plants. There were a number of projects we could pursue. Plus, I am quite sure, there are any number of other things the club could be doing - What would you like to see happen?

The B. F. N. C. Library

by Diana Collier, Club Librarian

Books in the Library (also store-room) are arranged roughly under the main subject of the book in question:
Birds, Flora, Fish/Marine, Mammals, Plants (general, not specifically flowers), Reptiles.

Submissions and Surveys are arranged under the broad Geographical area of the subject, and **Reports** on specific subjects are grouped under
Biodiversity, Conservation, Mining, Rivers, Vegetation, Water Catchments

Categories of material are in boxes as follows:
Atlases and **Maps**; **Bibliographies**, **Catalogues**, **Newspaper - clippings**,

Audio-Visual :
1. *Bird calls,*
2. *Photographs.*
but **Videos** are with the relevant subject with the books

Periodicals are arranged alphabetically by Title.

Pamphlets [publications of 50 pages or less] are arranged by subject, and include lists, single issue of a periodical, or separate small publications. Subjects are
Aboriginal connections, Archaeology, Birds (3), Collecting - for displays, Excursions, [see also Tours] Fauna, Fish, Flora Fungi, Insects, Laws, codes, Mammals, Parks, National and State, Pictures - for displays, Tours [see also Excursions], Trees. Forests.

Posters and **large Maps,** due to their sizes and shapes are kept together, in one place.

All newly accessioned (received and recorded) material is displayed at the monthly General Meeting [2nd Wed. of each month]. Many of these accessions are briefly annotated in the current *Whirrakee.*

In addition, there are duplicates or multiple copies, if received, for anyone's selection, -gratis.

ANY ITEM may be borrowed, but each item (or date and vol run of a particular periodical) should be entered at time of borrowing in the BORROWER'S RECORD BOOK (kept at Accession [receiving] Shelf).
This RECORD BOOK provides columns for the
Author [if applicable], *Title, Borrower's name, Date borrowed.*
When returned, the entry is crossed out and the item to be left on the Accession Shelf for shelving, please.

Bendigo Field Naturalist's Club
Minutes of the Annual and General Meeting 8.9.2004 at 7:45 pm, BFNC Clubrooms, Old High St. Golden Square
Meeting started President Matthew Comer welcomed all in attendance.
Apologies, Hal Moors
Nominations, for membership - none

Reports
1. President, Matthew Comer gave a summary of his annual report that will be published in the October edition of *Whirrakee*. He thanked everyone who had worked for the BFNC throughout the past 12 months.
2. Treasurer Stuart Fraser,

General Account-	$5062.93
Publication Account-	$13323.74
Hall Account-	$4903.89

Bruce Mainka thanked all office bearers for their work over the past year on behalf of the club.

Annual Meeting
Chaired by immediate past president Rob Moors

President, Matthew Comer
Nominated by Jane Cleary, no other nominations.
Carried
Senior Vice-President, Stuart Fraser
Nominated by Rod Orr, no other nominations.
Carried
Junior Vice President, No nominations.
Secretary. Bill Holsworth
Nominated by Lyn Hamilton, no other nominations.
Carried
Minute Secretaries, Jane Cleary and Jan Orr
Nominated by Rod Orr, no other nominations.
Carried
Treasurer, Stuart Fraser
Nominated by Glenise Moors, no other nominations.
Carried

Committee:
Bob Ruddick, nominated by Jane Cleary
Glenise Moors, nominated by Jan Orr
Rob Moors, nominated by Rod Orr
Rod Orr,nominated by Jane Cleary
Maurie Lewis,nominated by Rod Orr
Karen Bartlett, nominated by Maurie Lewis

Appointed duties
Membership officer, Kate Lottkowitz
Syllabus, Rod Orr
Librarian, Diana Collier
Garden co-ordinator, Matthew Comer
Hall Manager, Maurie Lewis
***Whirrakee* editor**, Sabine Wilkens

Rob Moors congratulated all office bearers and vacated the chair at 8:15 pm.

General Meeting commenced
President Matthew Comer welcomed the speakers, Mark Dwyer and Chris Sawyer to speak about their work as Conservation Officers in Australia and California, USA.
Their talk highlighted the conservation issues, such as erosion, weeds and urban pressures that we have in common.
Chris and Mark were thanked and each were presented with a BFNC coffee mug by Elvyne Hogan at the conclusion of their talk.
General Meeting resumed 9:00 pm

General Business
1. Jane Cleary
1.1 Spring in the Bendigo Bush, Launch by the Mayor Councillor Greg Williams at the Bendigo Town hall on Saturday 4.9.2004.
Many well presented and diverse displays designed to highlight the importance of our native environment were on show.
1.2 Wildflower Show, BFNC clubrooms, 18th &19th September. People are still needed to act as guides and help at the door.
1.3 "Where to go to see local wildflowers?" This was a 'frequently asked question' at the town hall on Saturday. Could members please indicate particularly diverse and showy places where there are abundant wildflowers on the map Jane has provided.
1.4 New 'Bendigo Naturally' maps may be ready for the Wildflower Show.

2. Rob Moors
SEANA camp at the Little Desert Lodge, 29.10.2004 - 2. 11. 2004. Places are still available.

3. Stuart Fraser
Bendigo City Council Open Spaces Strategy, Section C60 amendment has been put before Council and it is to go to a panel for further discussion.

4. Bill Holsworth
4.1 "Climate, Catchments and Communities" Conference, 29-30 September, Latrobe University, Bendigo.
4.2 A new BFNC membership pamphlet is now available.
4.3 The attendance by the public of the Launch of 'Spring in the Bendigo Bush' was very disheartening as the groups that put on displays had all gone to a lot of trouble to present them well. There was a serious glitch in the publicity for the event.

5. Rod Orr
5.1 Sunday 5.9.2004, Axedale Flora Reserve Biodiversity and planting day organised by North Central Catchment Management Authority and the City of Greater Bendigo Parks Department.
The day was well attended and very well organised. Rod Orr led a short walk around the reserve to point out the significant plants growing there. There was a display of local reptiles and amphibians and many seedlings were planted out.
5.2 Next month's speaker will be Phil Dyson whose talk is titled "Secret Kamarooka"

6. Matthew Comer
6.1 NCCMA held a recognition ceremony to thank groups and individuals who have volunteered their time and energies to help the environment. Awards went to the BFNC, the Friends of Kennington Reservoir and Bill Holsworth and Maurie Lewis received recognition as individuals for their environmental work.
6.2 The next garden working-bee will be on 11.9.2004 starting at 9:00 am.

Notes and Observations
1.Rod Orr, 27.8.2004. Terrick Terrick National Park, Fabian's Paddock, *Diuris lanceolata* sp, stubble quail and 5x banded plovers.
2. Maurie Lewis
* Kangaroo Flat, Eastern Rosella has laid eggs, same week as last year.
* 17.8.2004 Faugh-a-Ballaugh reserve, Bibron's Toadlet
3. Matthew Comer
* 29.8.2004 Goornong, Singing Honeyeater
* 29.8.2004 Goornong, Rufus Songlarks first arrived.
* 2.9.2004 English's Bridge, Campaspe River, Goornong, Little Friar Birds
4. Rob Moors noted that the Campaspe River is flowing at Carlsruhe.

Meeting Closed 9:30 pm

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2004

GENERAL ACCOUNT - INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES		
Membership	3210.00	Whirrakee Printing		1454.87
Donation	77.00	Whirrakee Postage		591.20
Interest	560.42	Hall Maintenance		1115.83
Sale of Living Records	1214.85	Auditor		160.00
Sale of Weeds CD-ROM	70.00	Conservation Donation		100.00
Community Grant-frog pond	1600.00	Living Records CD-ROM		1090.00
Fauna Survey	200.00	Affiliations		125.00
Postage	10.00	Insurance		300.00
		Administration		202.10
		Government Charges		21.80
		Miscellaneous:		
		Consumer Affairs	35.00	
		Nest Boxes	200.00	
		VFNCA Camp Refund	140.00	
		Plant Group Refund	100.00	
		Travel - speaker	50.00	
		Plants for Garden	86.60	611.60
				5772.40
		Surplus for Year		1169.87
	$ 6942.27			$ 6942.27

Bank Balance at 1 August 2003		Bank Balance at 31 July 2004	
Cheque A/c	3734.02	Cheque A/c	4903.89
Term Deposit	10072.95	Term Deposit	10072.95
Surplus for Year	1169.87		
	$ 14976.84		$ 14976.84

I have examined the documents and records supporting the above statements of receipts and expenditures and I am able to report that in my opinion the statement of receipts and expenditures as shown, fairly reflects the transactions that have taken place in the bank accounts of the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club Inc. during the financial year ended 31 July 2004.

D.D.Wright C.P.A.
Auditor

1/9/04

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MEETING HALL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Hall Hire	4835.00	City of Greater Bendigo	5052.00
Donations	2400.00	Maintenance	615.60
Interest	11.56	Government Charges	7.50
			5675.11
		Surplus for Year	1571.45
	$ 7246.56		$ 7246.56
Bank Balance at 1 August 2003		**Bank Balance at 31 July 2004**	
Cheque A/c	3491.48	Cheque A/c	5062.93
Surplus for Year	1571.45		
	$ 5062.93		$ 5062.93

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D.D.Wright C.P.A.
Auditor 8/9/04

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PUBLICATION ACCOUNT - INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Sales:			
Wildflowers	50.00	Stationery	22.75
Eucalypts	30.00	Government Charges	0.90
Birds	80.00		23.65
Orchids	115.00		
Spiders	147.00		
Mixed Books	2419.00		
CD-ROM	35.00		
Posters	10.00		
Postage	30.10	Surplus for Year	4170.93
Interest	1183.48		
Miscellaneous	95.00		
	$ 4194.58		$ 4194.58
Bank Balance at 1 August 2003		**Bank Balance at 31 July 2004**	
Cheque A/c	9152.81	Cheque A/c	13323.74
Term Deposit	15818.84	Term Deposit	15818.84
Term Deposit	6500.00	Term Deposit	6500.00
Surplus for Year	4170.93		
	$ 35642.58		$ 35642.58

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D.D.Wright C.P.A.
Auditor 1/9/04

Diary

The General, Bird Observers Group and Fauna Study Group meetings are held at the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building, Old High Street, Golden Square, unless otherwise indicated.

General Meetings

Wednesday, October 13 7.30pm
Speaker: Phil Dyson "The hidden mysteries of the Kamarooka'. See page 4 for details.

Wednesday, November 10 Speaker: D"n Harley "Leadbeaters Possum in a Swamp'

Wednesday, December 8 Christmas Dinner (this starts at 6.30 usually)
Speaker: Gerry Gill, "Interpreting the Regional Landscape".

Bird Observers Group Excursions

Sun 3rd October
Whipstick/Kamarooka area

Meet 8.30 Cnr. Napier St (Midland Hwy) and Howard St (Northern side) Epsom.
Contact- Pam + John Land, ph. 5436 1511

Note: The Whipstick- Kamarooka area is noted for the number and diversity of bird species which might be recorded at any time of year. This most southern patch of mallee forest provides the overlap between the extent of range that many northern and or southern species of birds may venture.
On a good morning (winter) it is not uncommon to record up to 50 species of birds, including at least 13 different species of honeyeaters.

Bring: Suitable clothing and footwear for weather conditions, morning tea drink and snack, lunch optional.
Car-pooling: Can be organized at the meeting point
Beginners to birding most welcome.

Fauna Group

This group meets (in the clubrooms) on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Wednesday, October 27 7.30pm
Show and tell - Those people whose surname begins with any letter of the alphabet between **M-Z** , are invited to bring an item of interest to show or discuss with the group. The object (dead or alive, animal, mineral or vegetable) may represent a topic on which you are an expert, or present a mystery you would like solved or to share with the rest of the group.

Wednesday November 24 7.00pm
Annual Frog Pond B.B.Q. *Rain, Hail or Shine*
All Field Nat. members and friends are welcome
- Kangaroo Flat Botanical Garden, Camp Street Kangaroo Flat
- 7pm til last croak
- BYQ meat/alternative to cook, any salad, sweet, beverage or tall stories you wish to share
- BBQ hotplates available
- Also bring binoculars if interested in birds and a torch to attempt locate frogs via the triangulation method

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South Eastern Australian Naturalists' Association

Spring Camp-out. Friday 29 Oct - Tuesday 2 Nov 2004
Little Desert Nature Lodge. Places are still available. See September *Whirrakee* for details.

Autumn Campout. The Upper Goulburn FNC is planning an **Autumn Campout on March 11-14** near Lake Eildon.
See next *Whirrakee* for details.

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It is fully endorsed by the Dept of Natural Resources and Environment.
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